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LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., JULY 30, 2015 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 30th day of July, 2015 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center* was founded in 1995 and is a gem located in Hamburg, NY; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie* is owned and operated by the Hamburg Natural History Society and has been offering a unique educational experience to Western New York residents and visitors from far and wide for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie* was founded two years after the Hamburg Natural History Society was formed in 1993 to preserve the property and save it from industrial development. In 1995, the Town of Hamburg bought and deeded 32.5 acres to the society, which also bought 16.75 acres adjoining the site in 2005 with funding from the East Hill Foundation, and then 5 acres was added in 2008 with a donation from Ravenwood Associates and grants from the East Hill Foundation and the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie* is an educational, cultural, recreational and tourism attraction that is visited by thousands of explorers from around the world, digging for 380-million-year-old fossils; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie's* 20th anniversary marks a very special date when the site was saved and expanded into a world-class paleontological site that offers outstanding programming through a variety of special events; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie* would not be celebrating this milestone without the dedication of so many individuals who worked very hard over the years to keep the site operational; and

WHEREAS, *Penn Dixie* was "Founded to Protect and Promote Education about our Natural Resources" and has been delivering on that promise ever since.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor *Penn Dixie* on celebrating its 20th anniversary to be held on August 29, 2015.

Lynne M. Dixon
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Legislature